

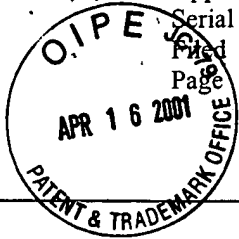
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Add new claims 25-26 as follows:

-- 25. The method of claim 5, wherein the disrupting step is effected by one or more of grinding, heating, or alkaline lysis, of the sample.

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~~26. A method of isolating nucleic acid from a sample, said method comprising (a) contacting said sample with a detergent and a solid support in the absence of any chaotropic agent, the solid support comprising an organic polymer, whereby soluble nucleic acid in said sample is bound to the support in a sequence-independent manner in the presence of the detergent and absence of any chaotropic agent, and (b) separating said support with bound nucleic acid from the sample. --~~